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Saskatoon SK
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His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
City Hall, Saskatoon SK

RE City Council Meeting, May 25, 2020 - Control of Traffic and Noise on Spadina Cr. E.

We have lived here at ██████████ Spadina Crescent East since 1991. Motor traffic on our block, Duke to Queen Streets, has always been busy, but it has increased to intolerable levels in recent years. The increase in noise from speeding traffic is a health hazard to residents and a safety risk to children and others who are walking or biking on the street.

Now that warm weather is here the speeding and noise are accelerating again. Could you please slow down the traffic and do something to reduce the especially irritating noise of the motorcycles and the "hot" cars and other vehicles with defective and/or illegally modified mufflers?

It is not just we residents who suffer the noise and speeding of motor vehicles – increasing numbers of pedestrians and cyclists enjoy the lovely elms on the street and the adjacent Meewasin Trail along the river woodland. Those Trail users would also benefit from reduction of noise and speed of traffic on the street. Excessive traffic noise is a proven health stress, while speeding traffic literally puts the lives of pedestrians and cyclists at risk.

In past years we have contacted our Councillor, Darren Hill, about this, but nothing seems to get done. Again, we ask that the existing speed limits and noise bylaws be strictly enforced by the police, using radar and sound measuring devices, not by the less effective method of having patrol cars on occasional patrols. A better solution would be to reduce the speed limit to 30 km/hr on Spadina Cr. E. from downtown to Balmoral. The best solution would be for Saskatoon, through its Green Infrastructure Programme, to allow only pedestrians, cyclists, and local resident traffic on Spadina from Queen to 33rd Street.

Yours truly,



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